

# Public Health and Sociology, BA

## Overview

The combined Bachelor of Arts in Public Health and Sociology integrates social science theory and perspectives with public health concepts to approach complex health inequities. Students gain foundational sociological knowledge and skills and apply theory to public health approaches for addressing poor health outcomes. Students explore the ways that societal constructs, such as race, class, and gender, intersect with health. This combined major will appeal to students who want to pursue graduate study and research in sociology, public health, public policy and administration, and education.

## Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

## Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

## BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

## NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

## Public Health Requirements

### PUBLIC HEALTH CORE COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
PHTH 1260 or PHTH 1261	The American Healthcare System Comparative Healthcare Systems	4
PHTH 2300 or PHTH 2301	Communication Skills for the Health Professions Communication Skills for the Health Professions—Global	4
PHTH 2350 or PHTH 2351	Community and Public Health Community and Public Health - Global	4
PHTH 2515	Healthcare Policy and Administration	4
PHTH 4120	Global Perspectives on Discrimination and Health	4
PHTH 4540	Health Education and Program Planning	4

### SCIENCE CORE REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	4
<b>Biology</b>		
Complete one of the following options:		8-10
<i>Option 1</i>		
BIOL 1141	Microbes and Society	
BIOL 1147	The Human Organism	
<i>Option 2</i>		
BIOL 1111 and BIOL 1112	General Biology 1 and Lab for BIOL 1111	
BIOL 1113 and BIOL 1114	General Biology 2 and Lab for BIOL 1113	

**SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>Introductory Course</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
COMM 1225	Communication Theory	
ECON 1115 and ECON 1125	Principles of Macroeconomics and Recitation for ECON 1115	
ECON 1116 and ECON 1126	Principles of Microeconomics and Recitation for ECON 1116	
ENGL 1300	Introduction to Health and Humanities	
HUSV 1101	Social Change and Human Services	
INTL 1101	Globalization and International Affairs	
PHIL 1101	Introduction to Philosophy	
POLS 1160	International Relations	
<b>Upper-Level Course</b>		
Complete one course (total) from any of the following groups:		3-4
<i>Society and Behavior</i>		
COMM 3201	Health Communication	
COMM 4102	Health Communication Campaigns	
CRIM 3040	Psychology of Crime	
ECON 3420	Urban Economic Issues	
HLTH 5280	The (in)Visibility of (dis)Ability in Society	
PHTH 5222	Health Advocacy	
PSYC 3402	Social Psychology	
PSYC 3404	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 3450	Learning and Motivation	
<i>Globalization and Global Health</i>		
AFRS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora	
ECON 3404	International Food Policy	
INTL 3200 or INTL 3201	Cities in a Global Context Cities in a Global Context (Abroad)	
INTL 3400	International Conflict and Negotiation	
PHTH 5230	Global Health	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
<i>Environmental Health and Climate Change</i>		
COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media	
ECON 3423	Environmental Economics	
INTL/PPUA 5100	Climate and Development	
PHTH 5214	Environmental Health	
PPUA 5238	Climate Change and Global Urbanization	
<i>Law, Policy, and Human Rights</i>		
ECON 3424	Law and Economics	
PHIL 5001	Global Justice	
PHIL 5002	Ethics and Public Policy	
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	
POLS 3900	Social Policy	
PHTH 4515	Critical Issues in Health and Public-Health Policy	
<i>Healthcare Administration and Management</i>		
ECON 3413	Health Economics and Healthcare Policy	
MGMT 3340	Healthcare Management, Innovation, and Design	
ORGB 3201	Organizational Behavior	
PHTH 4511	Healthcare Management	

PHTH 5232	Evaluating Healthcare Quality	
PHTH 5234	Economic Perspectives on Health Policy	

## Sociology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Sociology Courses</b>		
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	4
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOCL 3300	Social Theory	4
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete two electives with courses beyond those taken in the requirements above.		8
SOCL 1102 to SOCL 2999		
Complete four additional SOCL courses in the following range:		16
SOCL 3000 to SOCL 5999		

## Supporting Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Introduction to College</b>		
Complete one of the following:		1
HSCI 1000	College: An Introduction	
SOCL 1000	Sociology at Northeastern	
<b>Co-op Preparation</b>		
Complete one of the following:		1
EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	
HSCI 2000	Professional Development for Bouvé Co-op	
<b>Writing Courses</b>		
<i>First-Year Writing</i>		
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
<i>Advanced Writing in the Disciplines</i>		
Complete one of the following:		4
ENGW 3306	Advanced Writing in the Health Professions	
ENGW 3308	Advanced Writing in the Social Sciences	
<b>Statistics and Research Methods</b>		
Complete one of the following:		8
PHTH 2210 and PHTH 2211 and PHTH 4202	Foundations of Biostatistics and Recitation for PHTH 2210 and Principles of Epidemiology in Medicine and Public Health	
SOCL 2320 and SOCL 2321	Statistical Analysis in Sociology and Research Methods in Sociology	
<b>Capstone</b>		
Complete one of the following options:		4
<i>Health Science Capstone</i>		
Complete the following prerequisite:		
HSCI 4700	Health Science Capstone Introduction	
And complete one of the following:		
HSCI 4720 or HSCI 4730 or HSCI 4740	Health Science Capstone—Service Health Science Capstone—Research Health Science Capstone Seminar	
<i>Sociology Senior Seminar</i>		
SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar	

## Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
SOCL 3441	Sociology of Health and Illness	4

**General Electives**

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 12 semester hours of general electives.		12

**Public Health Major Requirement**

A grade of C or higher is required for all BIOL, HSCI, and PHTH courses.

**Public Health and Sociology Major Credit Requirement**

Minimum of 87 semester hours required

**Program Requirement**

130 total semester hours required

**Plan of Study****Four Years/Two Co-ops in Spring/Summer 1 – Bouvé Student Sample**

Year 1									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours				
ENGW 1111		4 PSYC 1101		4 PHTH 2350		4			
HSCI 1000		1 SOCL 1101		4 SOCL elective (1000–2999)		4			
PHTH 1260		4 BIOL course—see options		4					
BIOL course—see options		4 Elementary language course		4					
Elementary language course		4							
		<b>17</b>			<b>16</b>			<b>8</b>	
Year 2									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours		
HSCI 2000		1 Co-op		Co-op		PHTH 2515		4	
PHTH 2300		4		General elective		4 Social science course		4	
PHTH 2210 and PHTH 2211		4							
SOCL 3300		4							
Intermediate language course		4							
		<b>17</b>			<b>0</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
Year 3									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours		
ANTH 2305		4 Co-op		Co-op		HSCI 4700		0	
ENGW 3306		4		General elective		4 PHTH 4540		4	
SOCL 3441		4				PHTH 4120		4	
SOCL elective (1000–2999)		4							
		<b>16</b>			<b>0</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
Year 4									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours						
HSCI 4720, 4730, or 4740		4 Social science course		4					
PHTH 4202		4 SOCL electives (3000–5999)		8					
SOCL electives (3000–5999)		8 General elective		4					
		<b>16</b>			<b>16</b>				
<b>Total Hours: 130</b>									

**Four Years/Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall—CSSH Student Sample**

<b>Year 1</b>							
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Hours</b>		
PHTH 1260		4 ENGW 1111		4 PHTH 2515		4	
PSYC 1101		4 SOCL 1101		4 General elective		4	
SOCL 1000		1 BIOL course—see options		4			
BIOL course—see options		4 Elementary language course		4			
Elementary language course		4					
		<b>17</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Year 2</b>							
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>Hours</b>
PHTH 2350		4 ANTH 2305		4 General elective		4 Co-op	
SOCL 3300		4 EESH 2000		1 SOCL elective (3000–5999)		4	
SOCL elective (1000–2999)		4 PHTH 2300		4			
Intermediate language course		4 SOCL 2320		4			
		Social science course		4			
		<b>16</b>			<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Year 3</b>							
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Co-op		ENGW 3308		4 PHTH 4120		4 Co-op	
General elective		4 SOCL 3441		4 PHTH 4540		4	
		Social science course		4			
		SOCL elective (3000–5999)		4			
		<b>4</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Year 4</b>							
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>				
Co-op		SOCL 2321		4			
General elective		4 SOCL 4600		4			
		SOCL electives (3000–5999)		8			
		<b>4</b>			<b>16</b>		

**Total Hours: 130**